

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 6, 1970

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O.Box 196
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Dear Dick:

I want to thank you for sending me the Wismer cards relating to Missouri paper money. They have some information which I furnished him and also some information which I was not acquainted with.

I know that you are anxious to have me put together the Missouri list and over the holidays I have been turning the matter over in my mind as to how it can best be handled. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

My very best wishes to you for the new decade.

Sincerely,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 20, 1970

Mr. Richard Hooper
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Dear Dick:

I am enclosing two 1778 Paul Revere Massachusetts pieces which I believe are far more valuable than the counterfeit 1785 North Carolina.

You asked me about the Mail Contractors Scrip of Independence, Missouri, and I want you to know I already have these pieces.

As far as the Missouri manuscript being underwritten by a local bank, I am not very enthusiastic. There has been a superb history of Missouri banks just issued by the American Bankers Association but it does not illustrate or describe any of the money. I might get the Missouri Bankers Association, or the State Historical Society of Missouri to back a publication of the Missouri material. I will get to this in due course but do not count on it for the ANA convention.

I am sorry that you feel that Glenn Smedley is not favoring your project. Whatever you do, you get criticized for and, believe me, I know.

The 1804 Dollar controversy is a "tempest in a tea pot". The reply to what was in the November Numismatist is being put in the February Numismatist. There is a little humor in it which might give you a much needed laugh.

I am returning two of the three notes recently sent as I already have these and will keep the third piece priced at \$26.00.

Sincerely yours,

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RICHARD T. HOOBER

P. O. BOX 196

NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

April first

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Dear Eric.

Well, how is everything with you this wintry weather? We had 14 more inches of snow last Sunday, and another 5 inches Tuesday, to add to the winter's accumulation. I spent most of yesterday morning shovelling the walks, and of course, the driveway had to be plowed clear. I'm just about fed up with winter!

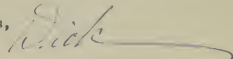
Here is another check on account, as well as a few other notes, which you might like to inspect. I did get a few different denomination, all in excellent condition, of the colonial issue of New Jersey, 6/9/80 issue, and will send them, if I know what denominations you might still want, unless of course, you have it complete.

I'm hoping the Minnesota book will soon be released. Our Nebraska and Iowa researchers are undertaking the publication of their volumes independently of our project, which is a break for us, due to our continuing lack of funds, and I believe I've been successful in getting them to follow our format to some extent, especially as to the size and binding color, which will help to make a complete uniform set of references. Harold Bowen's 2nd volume, on the scrip of Michigan, was released in December, a worth addition to his first volume, and I guess you already have a copy of that. Affleck's books on Virginia notes has been very well received- copies are selling very well. And so, despite many obstacles, we are making good progress.

I had hoped to get an exhibit made up for the ANA Convention, but as I have too few original ideas as to just how to display the die-proofs and matching notes, am hesitant about doing so. Of course, I'm not contemplating doing it in a competitive way, for a few others, who will be exhibiting, such as Walter Allen, of Canada, will have really outstanding exhibits, as he did in Phila., last August.

I do hope that all is well with you, and look forward to August and the Convention in St. Louis. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



RICHARD T. HOOBER
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NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

April twenty third

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Dear Eric:

Well, how is everything with you this typically rainy spring day? I had planned to do some work outdoors this afternoon, but now have an honest reason for procrastinating!

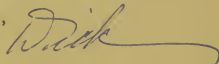
Last week I acquired a few other colonial and Continental notes, with these two included, and thought you might like to compare them. The used note has a red stamp I've not seen on any other notes of this issue, "Int. pd. to July 26, 1780," in red. The printing seems somewhat inferior, with letters missing and uneven in parts of the note, but it does appear to be on the watermarked paper, but of poorer quality. Signatures seem to be genuine, and of course, you did not mention this issue as having been counterfeited. I thought you might like to inspect them side by side. If you want one, or both, fine.

I had a letter from a western friend last week, to the effect he wants to send me between 300-400 notes (obsoletes), and two letters from Florida collectors, listing some rare state notes, etc. Naturally, I rushed off air mail replies, and will just have to wait and see what happens! I did get about 80 different Indiana notes toolast week.

I was also concerned, not having had a reply from you to my last registered letter, mailed April 1st, I think it was, with a check and some notes. Of course, I know you are always busy. Betty and I are hoping to drive to Cleveland, for the Central States show in latter part of May, and of course, hope to attend the ANA in August.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 12, 1970

Mr. Richard Hooper
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Dear Dick:

I am enclosing the list I promised
to send you covering the items of yours which
I have on hand.

If you feel that in accordance with
my past letters some adjustment should be made,
I am open to suggestions.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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RICHARD T. HOOBER

P. O. BOX 196

NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

May sixteenth

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Dear Eric.

Thank you for your letter, and list. You certainly have been most patient with me, and I am only too glad if you can use some of the notes sent. I thought that long ago I mentioned about the prices, but no matter, any notes you want any time I send some, just deduct 20% from the prices as marked.

Yes, I agree about the prices being high for good notes. I got some nice Indiana notes recently, including the \$25 and \$50 of Clinton County, and a \$25 note of Henry County, which were written up in the Nov., 1961, Scrapbook. The \$50 note is, I believe, unique, while there may be 2 or 3 specimens of the \$25 note around. Here are the photos of the \$50 note. I have the photos for the \$25 denomination, and will send them on to Glenn to include with his illustrations, as he is checking out the ms right now. I cannot recall if there was a photo of this when it passed through my hands last year. If you would like to inspect any, or all, of the three, I'll be glad to send them.

As far as I can determine, all proof notes are selling for upward of \$60.00, some much higher, and, as with all rare things in any collecting group, the rare things will sell most readily.

I received a copy of the Nebraska book, from Jim McKee recently, and I'm hoping that Fergy will get the Iowa book done shortly too, in the same general format as we are using. The Kansas ms is about complete, except for photos, and if Burgett can get them soon, the hope is that we can publish that list in the magazine, and then reprint two or three in one volume, as we are holding the type for this purpose, which will greatly reduce printing costs, and just may help to recoup some of our money tied up in the Fla., and Texas books! I did get some choice Florida state notes too, and if there are any Criswell numbers you want, I may be able to help out. I have t8-T11, 10A, 42 and 43, the last is the only one not unc., but, as I recall you did get a C.42, from me a long time ago.

If you will give me a total of what you wish to keep, along with the payments I've made on account, I do most earnestly want to clean up this debt just as soon as I possibly can do so. You are a much better bookkeeper than I!

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

RICHARD T. HOOBER
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June fourth

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Dear Eric:

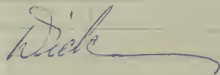
Under separate cover I am sending to you the unfinished Kentucky manuscript, for possible additional descriptions. Earl had noted the possible source of some notes. Look it over, and when you've finished, send it on to George Wait or me, or to whomever you believe would be able to furnish further data. I don't believe that I know of anyone who would have a good collection of Kentucky notes, who could be of any help.

Did you get a copy of Jim McKee's Nebraska book? I'm just terribly sorry that he didn't see fit to comply with my earlier request to have it published in the same size as our books!

I just received a list of a Penna. collection, and find about 50 items of scrip mainly, that are not included in my list, so I'm now waiting for Xerox copies of them to include. I'm supposed to get an uncut pair of the C.E.L. Holmes, Nemaha City, N.T., and if intersted I'll let you know later.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 4, 1970

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 16445

Dear Dick:

I have a letter from Maurice Burgett with respect to the Kansas listing which he is preparing. His thought is that it would be published in the ANNC Quarterly. He has asked for 17 photographs of items in my collection and no doubt has others to add to the group. I suggested that pictures of those in my collection might be done here rather than send them to you and have you send them elsewhere.

I would like to know if the Society has a budget for such an expenditure or whether you want this organization to contribute the expense. What has been the practice?

I am overwhelmed with work for the coming convention and, for that reason, will not be able to give speedy service to this project but full cooperation will be forthcoming in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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CC: Mr. Maurice Burgett
8 North Oak St.
Belleville, Illinois

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 4, 1970

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

You said you had some Florida notes and, tragically, a number of mine decomposed a number of years ago by virtue of being in the wrong kind of envelopes. As a result many need replacement. These are: Griswell No. 3A, 3B, 7, 32 and 33. Would you also let me know if your T-11 has blue writing on the front or does not.

If you have a nice group of the fractional notes of February 2, 1863, you could send those, also, as many of my technical varieties are ruined.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER

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June ninth
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letters, and here are the only two notes I have on hand, of those Florida numbers you asked about. Deduct the 20% I mentioned earlier, from the prices as marked on the back of each, if desired. Oh yes, here are two of the fractionals of the 1863 emission.

The T-11 is the same as illustrated in Criswell's book, with the inked writing. I certainly am sorry to learn of the disintegration of your notes. Were they in the newer type of holders, made in Japan? So many of these have been used lately; I think the basic problem causing the disintegration might have been the storage in a bank box, and the use of certain inks in those days.

The SPMC will reimburse you for the photos you have made for the Kansas list, or any others, for that matter. My only reason in having some of the work done locally, was the most reasonable cost to the Society, averaging about 55¢ per print, and retention of the negatives as well. I realize this is not feasible, however, especially when it comes to shipping rare notes through the mail, for the monetary loss is negligible- the notes cannot be replaced in many cases!

The Nebraska book ~~was~~ well done, although I'm terribly disappointed that Jim McKee did not accede to my wish that he publish it in the same size as our other books, but is an inch larger all around! I have also done what I could to have the Iowa boys follow my suggestion in this matter, but of course, I have no authority when the books are done independently!

I can only imagine the amount of work involved in preparations for the forthcoming big week in St. Louis, and I believe it will be a good convention for many reasons.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards,
I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 18, 1970

Mr. Richard Woobler
P.O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 19445

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your letter of June 9, 1970.

I am returning the Florida pieces I do not need; also some photos of something you previously sent me.

It will be quite a while before I can get to say to the Kansas notes photographed as I am quite besieged with a great many requests in all phases of our hobby and must limit my time. I, for one, certainly appreciate what you are trying to do to keep everyone in line and to try to get the books published.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Fayetteville, Ark 1842 unsigned, #2, 1842 unc	33 -
State Bh of Ohio, Wayne County, #5 ctf f	10 -
Mammel harbor Bh, Phila 6 1/4¢ proof label cancellation	50 -
Bh of Cape Fear, N.C. #50 - ctf fair ragged bottom	47 -
Farmers + Merch, Phila #10 proof, unc	55 -
Ginswald, Worthington Ohio #12 - unc	17 -
Clark, Baltimore 6 1/4¢ Vg	16 -
Bh of Chambersburg, Penna #5 proof of dismounted	60 -
Nonongahela Bh of Brownsville, Penna #5 proof	60 -
State Bh at Eliz, N.J. #1 proof	50 -
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August nineteenth
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Dear Eric:

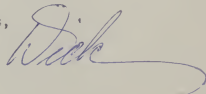
Inclosed please find another \$500.00 on account, as well as a few recently acquired notes, for your inspection.

Well, the hectic week is over; I never did get lunch any day, and dinner was always quite late, but it was fun. I met many old friends, and a number of "pen pals." Our SPMC banquet was well attended, and I certainly thought I'd see you there.

And so, I'm looking forward now to the VNA Convention in September, as Charlie Affleck's Volume II is due to be released at that time.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 25, 1970

Mr. Richard Hooper
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Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

I am sorry I did not get to see more of you at the St. Louis convention. I was working almost full time for the good of the cause. Everybody seems to feel we had a nice convention.

As I mentioned to you then, it would be wonderful for you to clean up the balance of the account since it is now down to \$739.98.

Since the Ozmun material came on the market there apparently has been a lot of interest and I am surprised about how many unusual pieces have turned up.

Would you tell me who is making the New York listing as I am very interested in seeing what data they might have on the change notes of 1790 to 1800. In fact, you might tell me who has a fine New York collection as I would like to get any information as to these notes which might be in a collection. I want to write this up.

I haven't forgotten about the Missouri write-up as this will come along in due course.

Sincerely yours,

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EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOD
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August twenty seventh

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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I am enclosing herewith \$450.00 on account, and will send the remainder within a week. Yes, I must agree that it was a good convention, and I know that all of you worked very hard to make it such a success. Our SPMC luncheon was attended by about 125, followed by a lengthy Board meeting. Of course, I continued to push for early publication of some more books in our obsolete series, as Minnesota, Vermont and Alabama are done, and I get some pretty disappointing letters from some researchers, who feel the project has bogged down. The book on small Nationals will soon recoup the expenditure for that item, and prior to our leaving for St. Louis, I sent off the Kansas ms to Barbara, and it will be published in the November issue of Paper Money (I hope!).

John J. Guevrekian, [REDACTED], is researching the N.Y., bank notes, while Gordon Harris, [REDACTED], is researching the scrip. As there are quite a few items in each listing, it seemed to me that this would help to expedite the work in that state, for both are, I believe, competent, and will want help though in adding what can be included from you, and other sources.

I'll be going to Phila., for two days next week, as I'm working on a project down there to set up exhibits in anticipation of the Bi-Centennial Exposition in Phila., at the old Bank of the U.S. building. Many things have been stored away, and I think there are great possibilities to tie in the money in both colonial and obsolete, to make a substantial exhibit. Then, I have more cataloguing to do for an October auction of Dorothy's, as she has received some excellent material for that purpose.

We arrived home Sunday night about 9 P.M., and glad to get back again to our cool hills. We have had to turn up the thermostat each morning since our return, to take away the chill! Keep at the Missouri ms. I would like to get a description and a photo of the \$2 or \$3 scrip, which I think you acquired from Paul Garland, on that canal. I've been sorting out my photos and getting the

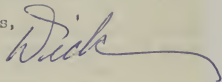
Penna. ms in finished condition for publication, but it all depends upon how readily the other books sell. I, for one, have continually felt that the distribution should be through dealers rather than the Society, for numerous reasons, and perhaps, as a result of our recent meeting, this will be done, thus preserving our financial integrity.

I spoke to most of the dealers and other collectors during the convention, and it is my belief that interest in the colonial and obsolete notes continues to expand, and new collectors are being attracted, as a result of giving them good, reliable data.

Do you have all denomination of the New Jersey issue of June, 1780? I have one or two choice specimens; I forgot to ask you about it when we were together. I've also completed an article on the Currency Famine of 1893, and have had photos made of some specimens, taken from a pamphlet written on the subject in 1894.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dick", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 1, 1970

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
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Dear Dick:

Thank you, very much, for yours of August 27.

Will you be nice enough to arrange to have sent to me the book on the small National bank notes which the Society is sponsoring. Please take care of the cost and let me know so I can give you credit for it.

I am very pleased that you got all the pictures for the Kansas manuscript and that it is on its way.

In accordance with your request, I am sending you a photocopy of the Delaware and Schuylkill Canal Navigation Company notes which I obtained.

I have not checked all of my Pennsylvania collection, as you may know, so before you make your final revision, let me have it if you want the balance of my notes checked. If I recall, I went through about five volumes of my Pennsylvania's and probably have another five volumes to go through.

As to your New Jersey issue of June, 1780, you sent me a \$5 piece uncirculated. I understand that a little hoard of \$1 and \$2 pieces were found. I have the complete set but mine could stand some improvement and if you want to send me any that would be welcome.

I have written to Mr. Gordon Harris, in accordance with your suggestion, and hope you will cooperate with me in connection with early scrip.

I thought I had found an interesting Bank of North America in Dorothy's material, but on careful examination it turned out to be an alteration from another bank.

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

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Mr. Richard T. Hooper

September 1, 1970

I am steadily gathering data on the Missouri material and will certainly enjoy this project when I can clear up a few others which are ahead of it. You are lucky that you specialize in paper money while I have to try to keep up with coins as well and both American and foreign. Sympathy I don't need, but since I am a part-time numismatist, I have a time problem.

Thank you for your continued cooperation on the account.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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RICHARD T. HOOPER
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September third

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Dear Eric:

I am enclosing herewith the balance due you, and of course, as I come across any new items, which I think may be of interest to you, I will send them on for your inspection.

I spent Monday and yesterday in Phila., working at one of the old early bank buildings, cataloguing notes, etc., in anticipation of the forthcoming bi-Centennial Exposition in Phila., in 1976, and with a developing plan for a tour through old buildings in the Independence Hall National Park area, and the setting up of exhibits. Funds for past restoration have been very limited, but the feeling with the director, and others, is that there will be an upsurging of interest and that additional money will be allocated for the purpose. I also took along my almost completed ms on the finances of colonial Penna., and received very enthusiastic comments and some helpful suggestions on it, which was even more gratifying than I had hoped!

I also continued to catalogue material for a December auction of Dorothy's, which, I believe, will be entirely a mail bid sale, although this hasn't as yet been settled. She acquired some other material, and with the elimination of floor bidding, and illustrations, and a few other modifications, should contain quite a few notes.

I trust you have recovered from the rigorous week of the convention, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

RICHARD T. HOODER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 19443

September fourth

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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I have written to Owen Werns re the book on small National Currency, and I trust you will receive it promptly.

Here are some of the New Jersey 6/9/80 emission, for your inspection. Deduct the customary 20% from any you wish to retain.

Thank you for the photocopies of the Phila. scrip. I had listed a fractional denomination, but was unaware of the existence of these 3 and 4 dollar notes.

I trust you will get cooperation from Gordon Harris re the N.Y. scrip. I don't know the exact progress he has made with that listing. Did you get a copy of Jim McKee's book on the obsolete notes of Nebraska? This is another independent publication, but I was glad he at least had it done in the same size as our other references. Iowa will also be done independently, and I look forward to its early publication. I talked with Russ Kuleu about his taking on the Ohio listing, but didn't get a definite answer in St. Louis. One fellow dropped it, his successor died, and although there are some who would help, no one wants to undertake the principal task!

I know how busy you are, and I've asked Burgett to take on the Utah list, for which I had sent you the earlier data, but again I've not had a definite reply. Maurice is a terrific worker, what with his Indian Territory, and now the Kansas listing, which are finished, so, if I get any affirmative answer from him, I'll then ask you to send on what you have to help him with that rather small state's listing also.

I heard rumors about the IBNS losing the editor, etc. I find it difficult to understand why the two groups do not wish to merge into one strong organization. Yes, I inspected the note of the Bank of N. America, which Dorothy had at the convention, and agree that it is an altered notes. I've seen the original, but cannot recall now from what it was altered. Her next auction will be of mail bids only, except for the one session of documents and autographs. Quite a number of notes will be listed.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,
Cordially yours,

Rich

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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September 16, 1970

Mr. Richard Hooper
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Dear Dick:

I certainly appreciate the effort you have gone to, to complete the payments on the Markhoff collection. I realize how much difficulty you had with burglary, family problems, etc. and am so glad that you are straightened out with me.

If you get a discount on the Nebraska listing, please acquire it for me and make the mark-up.

I will, of course, be glad to help Burgette if he does the Utah material, although so much has been done on Utah it will be mostly a rehash.

With respect to ISMS, the rumors you hear are rumors. Norbeth is becoming a professional paper money dealer and wants to turn over the editorship to someone else. There is a strong effort to find an editor outside the United States.

You are using logic when you find it difficult to understand why two groups interested in foreign paper money don't merge into one organization. Apparently the problems are political or personal or something which has nothing to do with numismatics.

I haven't heard from Gordon Harris and hope I do.

There is enclosed a check covering the two of the three New Jersey items you sent on approval. I am returning the third one, after having made a substitution for the one in my collection.

I think all the Wisner material boomed your business, benefited you, and is putting Dorothy at the headwaters of the river.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

RPN/atb

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THROUGH RESEARCH AND EXHIBITION
OF COINS, CURRENCY AND HISTORIC OBJECTS

RICHARD T. HOOBER
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October thaird
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, etc., and here are three other denomination of the same issue, which may be of interest, less, of course, the usual 20%. I also wrote to Jim McKee, to send you a copy of the Nebraska book direct, as I do not get a discount on it, so you should receive a copy shortly.

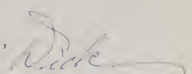
While in St. Louis, I had a chat with Russ Kulau, re the possibility of his taking on the Ohio listing. One researcher passed away, and the other resigned, un able to continue due to the business commitments he had. Russ wrote yesterday that he would take on the job, and I gave him several names of those I knew who had nice Ohio collections, and perhaps he will get some assistance from them. But, Purgett also has a new job, which leaves him little time now to pursue his hobby, and therefore, had to turn down working up the Utah listing. So, for the nonce, I'll leave everything with you, and you may find time to work it up, which was my original hope.

I'm going to Phila., Monday for another meeting with the superintendent, the curator, representatives from the U.S. Mint, the Federal Reserve Bank of Phila., and some other individuals, and have worked up a listing of some items I think should be included in the various exhibits to be set up later. The Bank of the U.S. building, is to set aside a large room, quite large, which will be devoted to just the signers of the Declaration of Independence. I'm also to make a phone call this eve re a collection of about 250 colonial notes. the Only missing colony are, naturally, the notes of Vermont! There is a Francis Hopkinson signature, some printed by Franklin, Ga., etc. The price being asked seems quite reasonable, so will try to set up a date to visit the owner while I'm down there.

I acquired an excellent specimen of the \$10.00 denomination of the Bank of N. America, dated 1/10/92, signed by John Nixon, the same day he became president of the bank, and who, earlier, read the Declaration of Independence, from the steps of the State House, July 6, 1776. After I see how things shape up as far as acquiring material for the 1976 celebration, I imagine I'll be in a good position to supply some notes and coins.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 31, 1970

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O.Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

As I close out the old year I find that I haven't written to you in quite a while. My trouble is that I have been involved in so many other things than numismatics that the latter got neglected.

In your last letter you asked me whether I would be interested in doing the Utah listing. I feel that this has been sufficiently well done and published in the past so that it should not be done over again.

I was very pleased to learn that you were working with a group of Philadelphia organizations in connection with the Bi-Centennial exhibits. I am on the Numismatic Panel of the ARBC and although there are a lot of people involved, you can probably get more done alone for the organizations you are servicing.

You spoke about acquiring a collection of Colonial notes and, if you did, perhaps you can make a listing on whatever you think I might be interested.

The three New Jersey 1780 notes which you sent me some time back were already in my collection and I feel bad about not having returned them sooner. I am returning them herewith.

There is a lot of griping about our beloved hobby and I am sorry to see it happen. Commercialism has just taken over. I am sure you realize this more than I, but you are in the business now, and have to compete with it all.

My very best wishes to you for a pleasant New Year.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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THROUGH RESEARCH AND EXHIBITION
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RICHARD T. HOOPER
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NEWBUNDLAND, PA. 19445

January fourteenth

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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter and here are a few other recently acquired items for your inspection. The majority of the notes I acquired in the colonial group were from New Jersey, Continentals, including a VE/XF \$20.00 denomination of the May 10, 1775, issue, the first I've had in ages. Another of the N.J. notes was a 4 shilling note of the Jan. 9, 1781, issue. It is unc., with some staining, and trimmed quite close.

Yes, I realize that the Utah research was pretty well done, but, as with most such earlier works, are not available to the increasing number of collectors. If you want to return the data I sent you some time ago, I'll just let it lay until later, then try to get someone to tackle it.

Yes, we have had several meetings in the old Bank of the U.S., but the holidays have caused some delays. As I understand it, the general theme of our work (which really doesn't come under the Bicentennial Exposition in any way) will be to emphasize the emergence of a strong central government. We all knew this was the ultimate desire, but to find enough material for exhibits, etc., is difficult. The Fugio Cent, the designs on the fractional notes of the Continentals, of 1776, the Chain Cent, etc., along with the various Latin inscriptions of some colonial notes and coins, will be worthwhile, to be sure.

I had a call from the son of a deceased friend in Ohio, last week, asking me to come out, appraise and buy, his father's obsolete note collection. I would have gone this weekend, but both of us have been subject to severe colds for more than two weeks, and although we are better, do not want to expose ourselves to another bout. In addition to the accumulation of snow up here, we've had a lot of ice and sleet this winter, so that the two feet on the ground is solidly packed and quite capable of supporting human weight. We had also thought about driving to Florida, for the FUN Convention, which was held last weekend, but just decided to cancel out that plan too.

I don't know what will happen with the many plans for printing a fractional note, or striking a coin or coins, for 1976. Like the various committees in Phila., I fear that everyone wants to further his own

pet project. It has already happened; a large real estate operator has been pushing along with the Penn Central R.R., to have it at 30th Street Station, the last place anyone with any sense would want to have it. Of course, the scheme is to bail out the railroad from its financial predicament. It's a long, sad tale; I know all of the fellows involved and I could write an unbelievable book about the shenanigans that went on. It's no wonder it happened, it should have taken place years ago! Probably, the only logical place to hold the festivities is along the Delaware River, south of the Naval Base, Mustin Field. The land is cleared and could be had for an insignificant sum, and would not add to center city traffic woes.

Well, I do hope that this New Year will be filled with good health and happiness for you and your loved ones, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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January 26, 1971

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
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Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

It was nice hearing from you and I was amused by your remarks about the Pennsylvania Railroad.

I will return the Utah item as soon as I locate it at home.

You state that you recently acquired the items which you forwarded to me and that is an interesting fact to me. The Bank of North America piece was originally offered to me at the St. Louis Convention. It then appeared in the Coin and Currency auction, and now you send it to me. It is obviously an alteration and I thought you were familiar with that fact.

I am also returning the Spring Valley currency piece.

As far as the \$50 Bank of the United States item goes, it is a counterfeit but I do not have the counterfeit and will try to dig up something to tease you with.

You are perfectly right about the problems with respect to the 1976 Bi-Centennial. I certainly hope the fractional note will be printed. There are a number of the people on the committee who have no axe to grind and that is why I am optimistic about getting something done.

I have a cold - just as you indicated you have - and it has certainly slowed me down.

Take care of yourself for the winter.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

Hooper file

✓
New Jersey

ERIC P. NEWMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

1780 issue

B3 interchange ~~#1~~ ~~#2~~ #2109

mine is #1678f ✓

#4 #1432 mine is 1724 vg. ✓
unc

Return

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CHARLES T. HOOVER
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April twenty ninth
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Dear Eric:

Well, how is my old St. Louis buddy these spring days? Here, winter continues to fight a rear-guard action. Small snow patches are still holding out up on the hillside and around the house in secluded spots. We had 3" of snow last Saturday, more flurries Sunday, rain Monday, and more yesterday. At least the terrifying threat of forest fires has greatly diminished, not the case in other sections of the country.

Here are a few notes for your inspection, from the Vincennes, Vevey and Brookville branches, so thought they may be of interest. I have one or two other denominations from these branches, as well as Corydon, and will send them on later if you are interested.

You had mentioned in your letter that the one note you returned was offered to you in St. Louis. I actually got it from Tom Gordon, in with a small group of notes he had sent to me. I don't know if he had gotten it earlier from Leroy, or just where. I've been working in Phila., on a fixed price list for her, as well as continuing the work at Independence Hall as time permits. I also took my manuscript for the first 10 chapters of the book on colonial Penn., down to Wick Mainwright, at the Historical Society, and must stop in and see him shortly for his respected opinion as to the possibility of it being published by the Society!

Our Miss. listing is finished, and only last week I returned a group of notes sent to be photographed, along with the prints, so within a week or two I should be receiving the completed manuscript, ready for publication. Just when that will be is anyone's guess. I'm really disheartened by the complete lack of cooperation at the higher level in our SPWU! The book on small Nationals is (as far as I'm concerned) nothing but duplication of available data, whereas our board long ago committed itself to furthering the obsolete note project. I receive so many letters of frustration and anger at the delays and lack of progress. Minn., Vt., Ark., Ind., and now Miss., are ready, but we have no funds! Lines must be raised for one thing, and a better method of distribution must also be adopted, so we can recoup our expenses promptly. But no one does anything about it. Increasing dues was pushed aside at St. Louis, and although the publication of the Vermont book was approved, it is still not done! But, I know you don't want to listen to my gripes.

You mentioned in your letter, sent in January, you were going to send some notes in exchange for the bank of the U.S., which I had sent you January 14th. And, if you want any of these, I'll gladly accept any duplicate, or unwanted, notes in trade, just as you may prefer.

I did get the \$3 and \$20 denominations of the Airtland Society notes, and, if either are of interest to you, I'll send them out for your inspection. Not unc., but both are nice, clean specimens.

I've corresponded with Burgett in re the bringing the Utah list up to date. The excellent work done by McGarry was fine, but there are a few small voids which I think could be improved, for the whole thing then would be available to members of SPWU, and it would, I believe, be accommodated in an issue of Paper Money.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Rich

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 7, 1971

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

Thank you for sending the Vincennes notes. I needed one and enclose check to cover. A friend of mine took two and his check is enclosed. The customary 20% discount has been taken.

I am returning the \$3 note which you sent me.

The Kirtland notes I already have.

I am almost unable to keep up with my numismatic correspondence these days and don't know what to do about it, I enjoy it so much. Nevertheless, it keeps me from doing research, etc.

I am sorry you are having so much trouble over the paper money listing but you will persevere and carry it through.

I have not forgotten your Bank of the United States item and will try to figure out something for it.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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RICHARD T. HOOPER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

May tenth
1971

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, etc., and here are a few other notes, including a Continental, with the Levy signature. I cannot recall if you had asked me about notes with his and Jacobs' signatures or not, a long time ago. I know Dick Kicker has written, asking me to be on the lookout for them. I got this one last week in with a collection of various notes.

Is there any chance of your having the Missouri listing published by a patron; an interested bank, or some other party? I see absolutely no progress being made in re the publishing of some of the finished mss until the SPMA has a change of attitude and administration! The Mississippi mss is also due to arrive one of these fine days. I'm going to Phila., tomorrow to talk to a few fellows at the three largest banks down there to see if I can drum up some interest! I've also left my mss on the finances of colonial Penna., with the Historical Society, and hope to have a chat with Dick as to whether or not they will publish the book, now that it is finished. It's been a long time, but if I get no other way, I'll let the ANS do it serially, if they are agreeable to that, or perhaps the INS would do it, as they did those earlier works of Kenneth Scott's.

I've really struck a sore spot somewhere along the line! I have objected to the book on small Nationals most vehemently, and although I've written, asking various individuals as to just when the thing was authorized, there is no record that it was approved by our board. Only, Pennell wrote that he was acting secretary at the meeting (doesn't remember which one) but failed to make a notation of it! I would certainly think it was of significant importance, and certainly ~~ANYONE~~ would want it recorded! You would not believe the tone of the numerous letters I've received. All are disheartened and disillusioned, as am I. I thought originally that most of the members would buy copies of the various books as released, thereby helping to recoup our expenditures, but it ain't so! Most everyone sits by, writes to ask when the book for their state will be done and published. Of course, I reply that it would be done much quicker if everyone went out and bought a copy of the two previous books.

Don't worry about the Bank of the U.S. note I had sent you. I'll accept any duplicates of almost any state in trade.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,





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May 14, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Educ. Soc.
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St. Louis, MO

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter of April 26 in regards to Hooper's article "Emergency Currency of 1893."

Yes, Paul Garland did write, not to me but to Adna Wilde, in regards to the lead article of the January Numismatist. Adna gave me the letter and I answered Paul Garland. Not hearing further from him, I assumed that my answer must have been satisfactory.

I am sure that you will concede that it is impossible for any editor to know offhand of every single article that has been published on the subject of numismatics, especially when this came from a book that is not even in the ANA Library. Nor is it correct to state that every one of the pictures appearing in that article was taken from the 1895 article. It may be only a small point, but the panic scene on the floor of the New York Exchange during the Panic of 1893 is definitely not from the original article.

I cannot deny that Hooper borrowed very heavily from the original article, but there is also mention and comparisons with the Panic of 1907-1908 and the Great Depression of the early 1930s. Neither of which could have possibly appeared in print in 1895.

Nor can it be denied that the illustrations of the scrip came from this 1895 article and there should have been a credit line for the source of the illustrations. But when these were first submitted to me, there was no way of knowing either, they were from his collection or not. The article as submitted did not contain a bibliography.

The name of Richard T. Hooper, ANA 9302, is one that is well recognized in the hobby as an authority on early currency. He has had countless articles published in The Numismatist, not only under my editorship but under that of previous editors as well. Although his article does border on the fringes of plagiarism, I never for one minute believed that such a recognized authority would stoop to such deception. It is for that reason that I accepted the

Eric P. Newman
May 14, 1971

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article at faith and so published it. Technically, the man has not violated any copyright laws in that material published in 1895, pictures included, are no longer protected by any copyrights and can be so used. This applies to the basic information in the article, which is a paraphrase of the original, but he did have the moral responsibility of indicating his source.

Your letter of April 26 is rather strong and I am sure that you are not trying to imply that I would purposely omit either credit or citation given to an original source by an author. The article appeared exactly as submitted with the exception of the embellishment on the title page.

If you wish, I will publish your letter in the "Letters From Members" column and an editor's note should lay the cards right on the line as to the original source.

Sincerely,



EDWARD C. ROCHETTE
Editor

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cc: Herbert M. Bergen

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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June 7, 1971

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O.Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

In the January, 1971 NUMISMATIST, your 16-page article entitled "Emergency Currency of 1893" caused a few people concern because credit was not given to John D. Warner's article in Vol. II, No. 6 of Sound Currency published February 15, 1895 entitled "The Currency Famine of 1893". Your text seems to be substantially a paraphrase of that article and your 35 numismatic illustrations appear to be the same as used in that article.

My suggestion is that you write a letter to the editor as to the source of the material so that it does not appear that your article was the result of research you personally undertook. Your letter could be published.

I hope you do not object to my writing you this thought.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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CC: Mr. Ed Rochette

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June ninth

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Mr. Edward C. Rochette,
P. O. Box 2366,
Colorado Springs,
Colorado, 80901.

Dear Mr. Rochette:

This morning I received a letter from Eric P. Newman, to the effect that I did not acknowledge the source material for the article I submitted, and which subsequently appeared in the January, 1971, issue of the Numismatist, on the currency famine of 1393.

This omission was a complete oversight on my part, and the article and illustrations originally appeared in similar form in Vol. II, No. 6, of "Sound Currency," and then published February 15, 1395.

I trust that this will serve to properly credit the source material so employed. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Richard T. Hooper

cc: Mr. Eric P. Newman

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 9, 1971

Mr. Richard T. Hooper

P.O.Box 196

Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

I am returning the Levy Continental and the three Vincennes notes because I have all of them. I am sure you will have no trouble disposing of the Levy note.

As far as the Missouri listing is concerned, I'll probably end up being the patron who will publish it. I am certainly sorry that you are having so much trouble with the other states.

How many copies of the Florida and the other books remain unsold? This would be of interest to me as maybe something can be done about it. May I hear from you in this regard.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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RICHARD T. HOOBER
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June fifteenth
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Dear Eric:

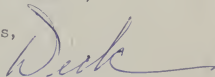
Thank you for your letter and returned notes. I may have some favorable news later in re the publication of the Mississippi manuscript. A doctor in Greenville is going to see whether or not the state banker's association would underwrite it. If I get any favorable response, this may be a way out of our dilemma in other states as well.

I spoke to Roy Pennell on the phone this morning, and he told me he had 340 copies of the Texas book, and 550 of the Florida book still on hand, which does represent quite a few collars tied up laying idle. And so, if you have any solution to this aspect of our obsolete paper money project, why not contact Roy direct? This would serve to expedite matters for all concerned.

Enclosed is the flyer sent out long ago advertising the retail prices of the books published as well as Roy's address.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



RICHARD T. HOOBER
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July seventh

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Dear Eric:

I received a letter yesterday containing a note of the April 2, 1776, North Carolina issue, \$5.00 denomination, raven design. There is a rather large watermark on about one-half of the note, which appears to be the top portion of a "coat-of-arms." The owner asked if I knew about it, which I didn't, and so thought you might want the information.

I have also received a note in a tentative trade, the 1 Shilling denomination of the August 1, 1776, New York City issue, assigned and unnumbered, in about very fine condition. I haven't heard yet from the owner. He felt the note was worth \$1,000.00!

I also received a letter yesterday from a chap in Louisiana, who has volunteered to research the notes and series of his state, thus filling another of the few remaining vacancies. He sounds quite enthusiastic and knows some of the fellows there who have collections. I didn't recall until just recently, that Jim White, of Tampa, Fla., had been to me. He has quite a lot of data on the other Bank issues. I'm writing to Mrs. White to see if there are any papers which could be used. Another Dunedin, Fla., chap bought Jim's collection apparently. They had visited us two years ago on a trip north, on a summer afternoon.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

August ninth

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Dear Eric,

Well, how is everything in dear old St. Louis, this hot, summer day? we had a solid week of rain last week, but since then it has turned clear and cool.

Here are two items, which may be of interest to you, early Penna. Upper Saucon Township is not far from Allentown in the Penna. Dutch country. The one note has an error in the fact the fraction is inverted. These are the first I've ever seen of this issue, and they constituted additions to my Penna. listing.

Did you come up with any notes in trade for the Bank of the U.S., I sent you in January? You mentioned you would be sending something in trade for me.

I'll be leaving here early Wednesday morning for the 5 hour drive to Washington, and from all accounts it promises to be another hectic convention! I finally got a volunteer to tackle the Louisiana listing, but our big concern continues to be lack of funds and the continual operation of a disastrous clique in SPMC! I'm half tempted to resign from the Board, and if they want to get someone else to do the dirty work, that is fine with me!

After all the fuss about the Indiana manuscript, which Smadley had for over 2 years, I think I've gotten the problem ironed out, and have six or seven out there who feel they will help Schramm to get the ms in good order. Also found a new variety of a note from Utah, and perhaps the chap will take on the up-dating of McGarry's work of 1950, and put it all in similar format to our other books.

Have been spending some time down at Independence Hall when time permits, and am also working to get the book on Penna. colonials out of the way for good. Trusting that all is well with you, and although I don't know if you plan to be in Washington, you will get this upon your return home. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

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August thirtieth
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and your trade offer is alright with me. I'm sorry I haven't replied earlier to your query in re the Heath Counterfeit Detectors, but I was in Phila., Since Friday morning I have been busy down there, and once again am trying to catch up with the accumulated correspondence. I really do not want the Heath's though.

I heard this morning also of Dick Picker's terrible misfortune, and I will, of course, be on the alert for any suspicious notes which may come my way.

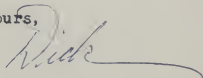
I hope you were able to get some of those very choice North Carolina colonials from Tom, while in Washington. I've never seen any as nice, especially that "goodie" of the 1759 emission! I felt you would certainly want to see them. One never knows what will turn up.

I was wondering if you had an accumulation of notes that are torn or damaged, that you would prefer to dispose of. I've been having some success with improving some in pretty shabby condition, both colonial and obsolete, and I have found that with a little loving care- washing, pressing, setting in small patches carefully, many otherwise useless and undesired notes are made acceptable.

I'll hold up on the Utah listing awhile. A new note has been found recently, and we have some other mss I'd really like to get printed first, especially of those states where there is a better chance to sell a number of copies of a book. I really believe Chet will continue to work on our future mss IF we all get behind and IF we all buy copies of each book. We really got bogged down with our work, for Smedley had that Indiana ms for 2½ years.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards,
I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 23, 1971

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

You were a busy man at the Convention. You really accomplished something if you rejuvenated the Wismer project with Chet's help and a takeover of the unsold books. Good luck again.

I am enclosing the Utah file which was sent to me by your former Utah researcher. I believe this state is in process with Burgett, but this state has been done so often it may not need reworking for the present.

I am also enclosing a nice \$10 Bank of Missouri in exchange for the counterfeit Bank of U. S. \$50. I hope it pleases you. The two little notes priced at \$20 and \$15, I am glad to have. The check for these less 20% is enclosed. Send me interesting items from time to time.

The New York Waterworks you were kind enough to tell me about is not altered (merely looks that way) and Sidney Smith wants an arm and a leg, as you told me. I am working to get it.

Are you interested in Heath Counterfeit Detectors? I have a couple on approval which I do not need for my collection of them. The Pocket Editions are at \$35 and the Counting House at \$90. Let me know promptly.

Paper money certainly has increased in enthusiasm and deservedly so. I was even asked, the other day, "Do you collect coins?" I responded "You mean the metallic pieces which are given as small change for paper money?"

Kindest regards,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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RICHARD T. HOOBER
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October nineteenth
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Dear Eric:

Well, how is everything with you these lovely autumn days? Here in the Poconos the foliage is at its peak of beauty, and the leaves are starting to fall rapidly. Each day I've seen several large V's of Canada Geese on the flyway, headed due south- always a very impressive sight to me.

Several weeks ago, Betty and I took a leisurely trip up through Syracuse, on to Ottawa, then across to Montreal and quaint old Quebec, down the length of Maine, and along the New England coast to Boston, then west across Conn., and New York, to home! We had never been to Canada and enjoyed the scenery, the clean cities and towns, and the very hospitable people.

Last week I acquired a collection of notes of various kinds, including this one, which may be of interest to you. I also acquired a rather complete collection of North Carolina state issued notes, and if you need any, I may be able to help out. I also got an inc. 2s.6d. note of the North Carolina issue of December, 1771.

It certainly was a shame to learn that Dick Ricker's bags were stolen in Washington. I wrote to him, have loaned him a few colonial notes, and received a list of a lot of the material that was taken. I don't suppose any of it will turn up with me, however. I would guess that such disposal is done through a regular few channels.

I thought you might also be interested in the Oregon Depression scrip, which doesn't turn up, especially in a complete set, very frequently.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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October 22, 1971

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
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Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

I am returning the items sent in your October 19, 1971 letter. I have the scrip and the other piece does not exactly fall into my category.

You said that you had a rather complete collection of Carolina State issued notes. I don't know whether you mean Colonial or the 1814, 1815 issues or Civil War. Please let me know as I am most anxious to fill in anything I do not have.

I do have the 2s 6d 1771 which you specifically mentioned.

Keep buying, keep selling, and keep being a nature lover. Evelyn and I went camping a week ago just to get back to nature. That is the only way we see the birds, the streams, and the quiet life.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 15759

November first

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Dear Erif:

Thank you for your letter, and here are two early Penna. notes, which may be of interest to you.

Yes, I failed to mention that the notes I did acquire were the state issues of North Carolina, Civil War issues. If you care to send a list of the Criswell numbers you desire, I may be able to help out with a few notes.

All of the leaves here are down, and the "saddest days of all the year" are here. Weather has been bleak and raw all week, with the forecast of it to continue until Friday! At least it isn't snow!

I had a letter from the chap who will research the Utah listing, for, although I agree with you about the majority of information already having been published, there have been some new discoveries of notes, and although it won't be published for awhile, it should be in the same format as the other state listings. Would it be possible for you to send me the information you have, or copies, especially for anything new, other than listed by McGarry. I think Markhoff had quite a lot of data which would be valuable, and with the inclusion of the newly discovered notes, should make it worthwhile. The researcher will start work on it just as soon as I send on what I can to him.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



RICHARD T. HOOBER

P. O. BOX 196

NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

December thirtieth

1 9 7 1

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your letter and sheet. The only denominations of which I have descriptions of this Milton sheet, are those two listed by Wismer of a fractional and a \$1.00 denomination, so you see, this will certainly be of great assistance in filling in some more voids. In my final draft of Penna. notes and scrip, I'm through Stroudsburg, alphabetically speaking!

You asked for something in trade. Here is a nice proof. To the best of my knowledge this was one in a sheet of four notes, with letters A, B, C & D. I trust you will consider this to be an equitable trade. If not, just let me know.

Also, if you could send on the material, photos, etc., of the Utah listings, do do, as I think I can get it done, and if not too bulky can get it published in our Paper Money magazine. I'm still looking forward to Chet Krause's printing up the Vermont listing, which he promised to do while in Washington in August.

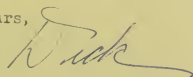
I've also sent off a brief article to Bob Flaig, who has built up the Check Collectors' Round Table organization almost single-handedly, which ties in vignettes on notes with those duplicated on bank checks. This will help to bring the two fields into finer focus as a part of monetary study.

Also, if you have, or ever get, any groups of notes, which are in poor condition, send them on, as I have had some success in mending and repairing them, both colonial and obsolete. I have some other proofs and nice notes I'll send in trade, if you wish.

We had a real old-fashioned blizzard over Thanksgiving. It started to snow Wednesday night, and in a period of 24 hours, had 31" of the white stuff dumped on us! Never did get to Phila., for the festive dinner, and not until late Saturday night, did we get our driveway plowed clear. Snow, sleet and rain are the order of the day now, so

perhaps our New Year's eve will be spent in quiet contemplation by the fireside! I do hope that the New Year will be filled with good health, happiness and prosperity for you and your loved ones. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dick", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 28, 1971

Mr. Richard Hooper
P. O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

Happy New Year.

I found these notes in an envelope and assume they belong to you. I checked my collection and I have them. They are being returned herewith.

I am enclosing herewith a reprint of a lovely Pennsylvania sheet. If you would like to have it I will gladly exchange it for something you might wish.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

January tenth

1 9 7 2

Dear Eric.

I trust you received the other proof note I sent last week. Here is another, which may be of interest to you.

Weather here has turned relatively mild the last few days, melting some of the accumulated snow, a welcome relief to be sure!

I was in Phila., last week two days, cataloguing notes, checks, etc., for a spring auction for Dorothy.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



January 14, 1972

Dear Dick,

Not interested in this one. Will
write when I have a better opportunity.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

January twenty seventh
1 9 7 5


Dear Eric,

Thank you for the return of the proof note, and sorry it was not desired.
Here is another item, which may interest you in trade for the sheet.

Spite cold here this morning- down to zero on the nose! Not a flake of snow,
however, which, for our area, is quite unusual at this time of the year. Spring seems
so far away.

Don't forget me on the Utah material, I'd like to get it under way. Trusting
that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



HOWARD R. ...
...
NEW YORK, N.Y. 100...

MAR 10 1972

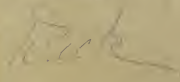
Dear Eric:

Just received this Xerox copy of the Hannibal scrip, which you might like to check out for your listing. I don't know if the person will send the note itself, although I've asked him to do so, if it is for sale.

Cold, winter weather persists here. It snowed for 24 hours again yesterday, and almost zero again this morning, with high winds. At least I'm getting plenty of exercise shovelling walks to the bird feeders, flagstone paths, and the driveway.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards,
I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 17, 1972

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P. O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

Thank you for sending me the Xerox of the Hannibal scrip. I would like very much to have the opportunity of acquiring it and if the owner will not sell it to you, will you let me have the owner's name so that I can offer him or her something in exchange which might be more of interest.

I would want a better Xerox for the publication of it. There are so many of these unusual items which keep appearing.

If you want me to contact the fellow direct, I will pay you whatever percentage you think is fair over the value of what I give him in exchange.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER

P. O. BOX 196

NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

308-872-2416 *office*

308-872-6116

March twentieth

1 9 7 2

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and the chap to whom I made reference in re the Hannibal scrip is, William F. Clapper, P.O. Box 52, Broken Bow, Nebraska, 68822. He had sent various items to me in the past several years.

I wrote offering him \$15.00 for the note. He replied that he had an offer of about double that. He is primarily interested in items from South Dakota, having lived there prior to his move to Nebraska.

I certainly do not want anything at all, if you are successful in getting the note. I'm just sorry that I didn't write to you before I replied to him, and I can only hope he hasn't already disposed of it.

When you can do so, send on the Utah material, as it will be a somewhat shorter list than many others, and we can, perhaps, have it published in our SFNC publication.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

*Sold to Charles Littlefield \$25.00
St Louis*

Rich

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

June first
1 9 7 2

Dear Eric:

Well, how is everything with you these spring days? We had a glorious, long, holiday weekend, but since then have been inundated with torrential rains. I did transplant several rhododendrons, hemlocks, etc., last week, to more favorable locations, and the rain will help them become established.

Here are two recently acquired notes, which may be of interest to you. Did you receive the Merchants' Bank, Conn., \$5.00 proof note I sent you on January 10th?

Also, do keep in mind I'd like to get the Utah material, as we have someone who will bring it up to date now. A number of previously unlisted notes have turned up. I have faint hopes of seeing the Vermont listing in print by the time the ANA Convention rolls around too, and I think we've gotten the Indiana ms in better shape now, as one of the younger collectors has been working with Schramm on it. Now, if all of our members get behind the project and buy copies of the book, so that Chet Krause can at least break even, he will tackle the next one, and so on. This seems to be the only possibility of our making some progress.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards,

I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 9, 1972

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P. O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

I have your letter of June 1, 1972 and, unfortunately, both of the items enclosed are already in my collection. I am returning them herewith.

You asked me whether I received the Merchants Bank Connecticut \$5 proof note which you sent me on January 10, 1972. I returned that note on January 14, 1972. If you got it back, possibly you sent it to someone else.

Feel free to send me notes at any time.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

June sixteenth

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Dear Eric:

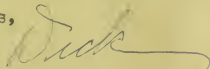
Thank you for your letter, and here are a few recently acquired notes, which may be of interest to you.

I was pleased to receive the brochure from Chet Krause this week, advertising the Vermont book, so ably done by Marye Coulter. Now, if the members will get behind the project, and buy copies, Chet will undertake the printing of the next ms in line, as I have four completed at this point. I'm almost finished with my own Penna. listing, and last night had a call from our Miss. researcher about some points, as he hopes to have his work done in time for the ANA Convention also. I don't know when I'll ever see the Penna. book in print, as it's rather voluminous and costlier than those already published!

I'm still hoping to get the Utah data from you at your convenience. Our researcher has gone about as far as he can with what material he has available.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards,
I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 22, 1972

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O.Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

I have all except one of the notes you sent.
That one is the \$1 Philadelphia City Savings Institution.
It has a trimmed top and was priced At \$12.50.

I have a duplicate \$20 Texas Treas. Warrant steam-
ship variety which is a nice note and wonder if you wish
it in exchange. It ought to sell for much more than the
discounted price of what I have retained. It is enclosed.

The Utah material is so incomplete I feel it
will be a liability, not an asset. I don't know where it
is, but when I locate it, I'll send it. I hope it is in
a trunk in my attic.

Thanks for thinking of me.

Sincerely yours,

EPN
atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

Balance returned

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

July fifth
1 9 7 2

Dear Eric:

I trust you had a grand holiday weekend. Such a day was usually celebrated, when we would be visiting relatives in Lancaster County, by engaging the whole family in a day-long picnic at Lititz Springs Park, or another similar spot, ending up the evening with the usual fireworks display! The last afternoons were spent pitching quoits, arguing about politics, talking about current prices of tobacco, and who bought the old Smoker farm near Intercourse! Halcyon days to be sure!

We had rain 22 days during June and three thus far this month. It's something of a dreary, miserable record. Fortunately, in our immediate area, we suffered no damage from that ravages of Hurricane Agnes, but Wilkesbarre, 25 miles away, was completely devastated, as I'm sure you have noted in the papers and TV news. Continual collecting of materials of all kinds continues almost every day to help feed, clothe and find shelter for the thousand of homeless.

Last week I acquired this uncut sheet, which I thought may be of interest to you. One single specimen, was (I believe) in the 1st auction of Wismer's notes, and was signed by the issuer, Julius Wildfire. Radnor, is a suburb of Phila., along the Main Line, not far from Paoli and Villanova.

Trusting that all is well with you, and I guess you intended to retain this carbon, as it was included with your last letter. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

NOV 27 1972

Dear Eric:

Well, I hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving. Ours was quiet, and we had more snow last week. Deer season opens in the state today, and the hopeful nimrods are everywhere. School closes, and most of the small merchants close down for this first day of hunting.

Just yesterday Iacquired this choice note, so thoughtx it may be of interest to you. I was glad to see it, as Wismer didn't have it listed, only the black and white note of 1854 was on his listing.

I hope to hear from you in re the questions I asked in my earlier letter this month.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards,
I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 8, 1972

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P. O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

I have neglected you somewhat but have been too busy to do much.

The Bank of Pennsylvania \$50 note is at hand, having been punch cancelled on redemption. I have the \$5, \$10 and \$20 without cancellation and they are all on blue as your \$50. Perhaps Wismer made a mistake.

Although I would like to have it, I am returning it promptly as the price is more than I care to put in to this type of note.

Other matters will be taken up later.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

FEB 2 - 1973

Dear Eric:

I received your letter just prior to our departure for Coral Gables, Fla., where we spent the holidays with my sister and her husband. We stayed over going to the FUN Convention the first weekend in January. Met many old friends, and we arrived home safe and sound.

No, Wismer did not err in his listing. I also have the \$50.00 denomination of the Bank of Penna., dated 1854, but it is plain black and white, whereas the blue, red and white notes were dated 1855.

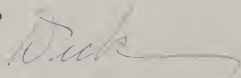
If you have no interest in the Radnor, Penna., uncut sheet of scrip, which I sent July 5th, I could use it. I can't recall whether I had the full retail price listed on it, of \$75.00, or not. At any rate, as I repeatedly told you, any items I send you may deduct the 20% therefrom.

Am in the process of trying to get the Miss. ms into publication now, and our only bottleneck continues to be the lack of funds necessary to printing several already completed mss.

Weather continues mild in our area, something of a helpful break in the apparent fuel shortage. One more month to go, and we will be through the worst of the winter. But, the ski resorts and the snowmobile businesses here in the Poconos, are really suffering financially.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards,
I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 21, 1973

Mr. Richard Hooper
P. O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

I feel very bad not having straightened out the correspondence with you but I am in the rat race.

George Wait just came here to check on Maine banknotes and I loaned him a group that he was not familiar with. He also looked at my Mississippi and said that there were many more than he could possibly remember and that the Mississippi researcher ought to check these out before completing the manuscript. If the manuscripts of any states are prepared without checking with major collections, it is disappointing.

The little sheet of Pennsylvania notes which you sent me still sits on my desk at home and I will certainly get to it. There was no price on it before. I wanted to find you something nice in exchange but I just cannot keep up with all my numismatic correspondence and lead a wild business and social life. I love nature as much as you do and we are going out in the woods this weekend so please forgive me my temporary neglect as I forgave you.

Cordially,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

RICHARD T. HOOBER

P. O. BOX 196

NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

APR 6 - 1973

Dear Eric:

Well, how is everything with you now that the worst of our winter appears to be behind us? I've been battling a miserable virus for over four weeks now; just can't seem to shake it off. After the slightest exertion I'm as weak as a kitten. Guess I just need some warm sunshine, a rather rare commodity, and fresh air. But I cannot complain when I read of the heartaches and misery caused once again by the old Mississippi River, on another rampage. We had our tragedies last June in the Wyoming Valley.

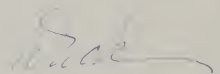
Enclosed herewith are a few recently acquired notes, which may be of interest to you. All are Rarity 7, so thought perhaps they might be missing from your collection.

I've been getting one or two things from time to time for the Independence Hall project, when the old 2nd Bank of the U.S. building is finally restored. I also acquired unc. specimens of the 1-2-5-10 denominations of the South Royalton Bank, Vermont, if you need them.

Here's hoping you can send me some nice duplicate notes, wither colonial or obsolete, as I need items in both series.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards,
I remain,

Cordially yours,



May 21, 1973

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P. O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Pennsylvania 18445

Dear Dick:

I seem to have neglected to have returned the four Vermont pieces which you sent me. They are beautiful notes and I do not have them. Unfortunately the condition is pitiful. The free one should go with the ones you sell.

Our flood is now in recession. Pretty soon we can open all our Water Gates again.

Kindest regards,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:jah

Encls.

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

AUG 31 1973

Dear Eric:

I'm returning the sheet herewith, as I have no need of these reprints.

Why not just return my sheet and we can forget the whole matter?
L. H.,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dick", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 11, 1973

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P. O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Pennsylvania 18445

Dear Dick:

I have looked around for something to exchange and instead I am sending you a check. I believe the price was \$75.00, and that my discount was 20%, and I have arrived at the amount accordingly.

Sorry about the delay, but I am overwhelmed with correspondence.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encl.

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

APR 1 - 1974

Dear Eric:

The following is a description of a Missouri item of scrip for your records:

1.00-Pilot Knob Iron Company, Pilot Knob, Decbr. 22, 1860, engraved. (L) Seated woman feeding chickens, dog. (C) Train, riverboat in distance, above name. (R) 1 in circular ornament. U/S. Imprint: F. Schrader Lith. St. Louis. Rarity?

Most likely you already have a specimen of the note, but it is always good to check out such notes.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards,
I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 11, 1974

Mr. Richard T. Hooper ✓
P. O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Pa. 18445

Dear Dick:

Thank you for the description of the Pilot Knob Iron
Company item. I believe I have it but will check shortly.

I was told by Mr. Garland that you were robbed but I
had read nothing about this in the newspaper. You have certainly
had more than your share of this, in any event.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

RICHARD T. HOOBER ✓
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

JUL 1 - 1975

Dear Eric:

I received the enclosed Xerox copy of Missouri scrip, which I thought may be of interest to you. The chap who sent it is Charles V. Duncan, Box 2043, Modesto, Calif. 95354, in the event you wish to contact him direct.

Hope the Missouri ms is progressing well, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick", written in dark ink.